



3rd Press Statement of the Elections Situation Room
Liberia Elections Early Warning & Response Group (LEEWARG)
West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP-Liberia)

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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Liberia Elections Early Warning and Response Group (LEEWARG) welcomes you to this press event, which is a follow up to our statements of 25th & 26th December 2017, which highlighted observations, interventions and recommendations regarding the electoral process.

We appreciate the roles played by the Liberian citizens, National Elections Commission, Political Parties, the media, joint security and other national stakeholders, ECOWAS, AU and other International Partners as the country went through the 26th December Runoff. By this effort, Liberians continue to demonstrate maturity by their peaceful and orderly participation during the electoral process.

LEEWARG notes that the current phase of counting, collating, verification and announcement of the results is very crucial. We therefore encourage all political parties and the general public to exercise restraint and wait patiently for the declaration of the official results by the NEC. It is also important that supporters of political parties avoid early celebration as NEC concludes this phase.

LEEWARG also calls on media to maintain a high degree of professionalism, and similarly reiterate our appeal to all Liberians to remain cautious of information disseminated on social media regarding the ongoing electoral process which has the propensity to undermine the peace and security.

Let us continue to consolidate our democracy by respecting the legal, institutional and administrative frameworks governing our electoral process as they provide opportunities to sustain peace and stability in our country and amongst our people.

The Situation Room for the December 26th Run-off is being hosted at the ECOWAS Commission Office in Liberia, with the kind support from the United Nations Missions in Liberia (UNMIL). Monitors/Observers are deployed throughout the fifteen counties. The Situation Room has made available the following Hot Lines for the public to use when necessary



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